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- 846, and one count of distributing and possessing with the intent to distribute 1,000 and more individual marijuana plants, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 812, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(A). Weiss was arrested on April 23, 2008, and on April 25, 2008, was released subject to bail conditions, including:(a) a \$600,000 personal recognizance bond (b) co-signed by two financially responsible persons and (c) secured by property with equity covering the bond amount, notably 1109-1147 Evans Drive, Santa Rosa, California. The Court set May 14, 2008 as the date of the defendant's preliminary hearing.
- 2. Since his arrest, Weiss has been represented by Ann C. Moorman, Esq. At the joint request of Ms. Moorman and the Government, and with the consent of the defendant, this Court extended the preliminary hearing date by two weeks, from May 14, 2008 until May 28, 2008. This extension was granted in order to allow the parties more time to pursue plea discussions. Time was also excluded under the Speedy Trial Act until the May 28, 2008 date.
- 3. Following May 14, 2008, the parties continued their plea discussions in an attempt to resolve this case prior to the filing of formal charges. The parties did not, however, complete their discussions, and Ms. Moorman advised the Government that she required additional time to confer with the defendant concerning his case. Accordingly, the parties, with the consent of the defendant, asked the Court to extend the preliminary hearing date a second time, from May 28, 2008 until June 13, 2008, and to schedule the preliminary hearing at 9:30 am on June 13, 2008. The Court granted this request and excluded time under the Speedy Trial Act until June 13, 2008.
- 4. Since May 28, 2008, the parties have continued their discussions, and in connection with these discussions, Ms. Moorman has made a written submission to the Government. Ms. Moorman has also asked the Government for additional time prior to the filing of formal charges so that she can supplement her initial submission with additional materials, materials that she requires additional time to gather.
- 5. Accordingly, the parties, with the consent of the defendant, have asked the Court to extend the preliminary hearing date a third time, this time from June 13, 2008 until August 6, 2008, and to schedule the preliminary hearing at 9:30 am on August 6, 2008, before the duty magistrate judge. The parties have also asked the Court to exclude time under the Speedy Trial

Act for the same reasons, <u>i.e.</u>, so that Ms. Moorman has additional time to supplement her submission to the Government with additional materials. The parties have also asked the Court to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act for the same reasons.

6. Taking into the account the public interest in the prompt disposition of criminal cases, the above-stated grounds are good cause for extending the time limit for a preliminary hearing under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1, for the filing period for an indictment, and for excluding time under the Speedy Trial Act. Failure to grant the continuance would deny defense counsel reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, while granting the continuance would allow the parties to continue their efforts to resolve this matter prior to the filing of formal charges.

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1	7.	Accordingly, and with the co	onsent of the defendant, the Court hereby: (a) vacates
2	the June 13, 2008 preliminary hearing date and extends the time for a preliminary hearing until		
3	August 6, 2008, before the duty magistrate judge, at 9:30 a.m.; and (b) orders that the period		
4	from June 13, 2008 to August 6, 2008 be excluded from the time period for preliminary hearing		
5	under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1 and from Speedy Trial Act calculations under 18		
6	U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A) & (B)(iv).		
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8	STIPULATED:		
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10	DATED:	June 10, 2008	/s/ ANN C. MOORMAN, ESQ.
11			Attorney for GREGORY ALLEN WEISS
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13	DATED:	June 10, 2008	/s/ W.S. WILSON LEUNG
14			Assistant United States Attorney
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16	IT IS SO ORDERED.		
17	DATED:	June , 2008	
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